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TAGS: PFOR JO XF

SUBJECT: HUSSEIN INTERVIEW WITH AL-HAWADITH

REF: AMMAN 4681(NOTAL)

1. RE PARA 8 REFTEL, AMBASSADOR TALKED WITH KING
BRIEFLY ABOUT HIS INTENTIONS IN STATEMENT " IN THE
PAST WE USED TO CALL FOR THE RESTORATION OF THE
OCCUPIED WEST BANK AND JERUSALEM BECAUSE JORDAN WAS
INTERESTED IN RESOLUTION 242, BUT THE SITUATION IS NOW
DIFFERENT SINCE THE LAWFUL RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIANS
EXCEED THE BOUNDARIES OF THE WEST BANK AND EXTEND
TO THE LANDS OCCUPIED IN 1948"

2. KING SAID THERE WAS NO INTENTION TO BACK AWAY

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FROM OR EXPAND 242 ON HIS PART. JORDAN HAS HOWEVER

HAD A LONG STANDING POSITION THAT PALESTINIANS HAVE
RIGHTS RECOGNIZED IN EARLIER UN RESOLUTIONS STEMMING FROM
ACTIVITY WHICH TOOK PLACE BEFORE AND AFTER 1948.
HE SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED SUCH RIGHTS AS RETURN OR
COMPENSATION. THIS WAS ALL THAT HE HAD IN MIND AND
REAFFIRMED THAT THERE WAS NO CHANGE IN JORDANIAN POSITION.

3. HE TOLD AMBASSADOR AGAIN (RE PARA 9) THAT THERE WAS
NO INTENTION OF ATTACKING ISRAEL OR THAT THE PLO OR
ANY FEDAYEEN WOULD BE ALLOWED TO USE JORDANIAN
TERRITORY TO ATTACK ISRAEL OR THE WEST BANK. INDEED
HIS ENVOYS TALHUNI AND RIFAI HAD BEEN WARNED BY
ASAD PERSONALLY IN DAMASCUS THIS WEEK TO BEWARE OF PLO ACTIVITIES
SINCE SYRIANS WERE SURE PLO WISHED TO OBTAIN CONTROL
OF JORDAN AS A FIRST STEP IN THEIR PROGRAM TO REGAIN
WEST BANK. HE SAYS HE IS VERY ALERT TO AND REMAINS
AWARE OF THIS PROBLEM.

4. KING ADDED THAT BEYOND TRAVEL TO OMAN ON
JULY 15-16 AND 3 OR 4 DAYS IN IRAN AROUND
JULY 20, HE HAS BEEN INVITED TO DAMASCUS WITH
QUEEN TO SPEND AT LEAST A WEEK ON A FORMAL VISIT
WHICH WILL INCLUDE A TOUR OF ALL THE GOVERNATES
OF SYRIA.
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